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Sir,

**Amendment "A".**

In response to the First Office Action mailed 12/18/2002, please amend the subject application as follows:

**In the claims:**

**Please amend claim 1 as follows:**

1. (once amended) A snap lock device for hingedly securing an extension to a downspout, said device comprising:

a first member;

said first member including:

a head;

a shank extending from said head, said shank extending through a first hole defined by the extension and through a second hole defined by the downspout;

a second member cooperating with said first member;

said second member defining an aperture for the locking reception therein of said shank for locking the extension and downspout together ;

a third member;